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In re the Application of:

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AND METHOD FOR SUPPORTING A  
METAL TUBE**

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**DECLARATION OF HOMAYOUN SANATGAR**

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Sir:

I, Homayoun Sanatgar, hereby declare and state as follow:

1. I am one of the named inventors of the above-identified application.

2. Over the last eight years I have been employed by Thermal Dynamics Corp., and currently hold the position of Vice President of Engineering. All of the inventors of the present application were employees of Thermal Dynamics Corp. at the time of the invention and are obligated pursuant to their employment contracts with Thermal Dynamics Corp. to assign the present application to Thermal Dynamics Corp.

3. As part of my duties at Thermal Dynamics Corp., I was responsible for interfacing with prior counsel of record in this application.

4. I recently learned that the above-identified application became abandoned because prior counsel of record failed to file a timely and proper reply to the October 1, 2004 office action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

5. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional.

I declare under that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent issuing thereon.

Executed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007, at Ontario, CA, U.S.A.



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